

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION**  
**June 8, 2016**

Members Present: Caroline Ammerman, Chris Babb, Thayne Bedenkop, Dennis Healy, and Brian Kwiatkowski  
City Staff: Terry Huxel (Staff representative)

The minutes of the March Environmental Stewardship Commission (ESC) meeting were approved.

**Solid Waste/Wheeled Trash Bin Updates**

Terry reported that City recycling rates were 25.09% for April and 26.84% for May, down slightly from previous months.

**Textile Recycling Update**

Approx 300lbs of clothing and textiles have been recycled so far this year, using the Goodwill bins at the Wyoming Rec Center. The new “smart” bins are now operational, and placed in a visible location near the entrance of the Rec Center. ESC to promote the new bins and emphasize to residents that more than just clothing is acceptable in the bins, including many difficult to recycle household items, such as electronics.

**ESC Communications**

ESC will craft a communications piece with the help of the City highlighting the savings achieved this year during the Spring Clean-up, due mainly to enhanced outreach and education in advance of the event. The Clean-up costs to the City were nearly cut in half, from \$30k last year, to only \$17k this year.

Additional ESC communications for summer include: 1) Living with Wildlife (what to do about deer fawns), 2) moths, butterflies, and pollinators, and 3) the upcoming tree and shrub sale with UFBC.

**ESC Schedule**

The next upcoming event on the ESC calendar is Fall Fest on October 1, 2016. Another honeysuckle removal day will be scheduled for early November. ESC will continue to pursue social media outlets for communications on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for July 13, 2016.